

House Bill 377

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 21 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 general provisions for payment and disposition of fines and forfeitures, so as to provide for  
3 the collection of delinquent fines and statutory surcharges; to provide for a definition; to  
4 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 21 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general  
8 provisions for payment and disposition of fines and forfeitures, is amended by revising Code  
9 Section 15-21-12, which was previously reserved, as follows:

10 "15-21-12.

11 ~~Reserved.~~

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'fines and fees' means a fine imposed by a court  
13 under the authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and all statutory surcharges  
14 attached to such fine.

15 (b) A local governing authority may, for the purpose of collecting any delinquent fines and  
16 fees, contract with any person doing business within or outside this state for the collection  
17 of such delinquent fines and fees."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.